Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

September 2008

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended September 20, 2008, there were 522,500 persons employed in Saskatchewan during September 2008, an increase of 2,900 from August 2008 and 18,100 more than the number employed in September 2007.

Agricultural employment was 47,200 persons in September 2008, up 3,000 from the August 2008 level and 1,200 more than the September 2007 agricultural employment level of 46,000. Non-agricultural employment was 475,300 persons in September 2008. This is a decrease of 100 from the August 2008 non-agriculture employment level of 475,400 and 16,900 more than September 2007.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for September 2008 was 3.6 percent. This is a decrease of 1.8 percentage points from the August 2008 rate of 5.4 percent but 0.2 percentage points higher than the September 2007 level of 3.4 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force decreased by 7,300 to 542,100 persons in September 2008 from 549,400 persons in August 2008. This is 20,000 more than the September 2007 labour force of persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate fell 1.1 percentage points to 70.3 percent in September 2008 from 71.4 percent in August 2008. The September 2007 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.3 percent.

There were 19,600 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during September 2008. This is a decrease of 10,200 from August 2008 but is 1,900 more than the number unemployed in September 2007.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 519,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in September 2008, up 13,800 from the August 2008 level of 505,400 and is up 22,500 from the September 2007 employment level of 496,700 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for September 2008 was 4.1 percent. This is a decrease of 0.4 percentage points from the August 2008 rate of 4.5 percent and 0.2 percentage points higher than the September 2007 rate of 3.9 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment decreased by 161,700 persons in September 2008 to 17,230,200 persons from 17,391,900 persons in August 2008. In September 2007, there were 16,965,200 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate decreased 0.8 percentage points to 5.7 percent from the August 2008 level of 6.5 percent. In September 2007, Canada's unemployment rate was 5.5 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 6.1 percent in September 2008. This is unchanged from August 2008 but is 0.2 percentage points higher than the September 2007 level of 5.9 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	September 2008	August 2008	September 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,276.1	18,602.6	17,945.3	-326.5	330.8
Employed ('000)	17,230.2	17,391.9	16,965.2	-161.7	265.0
Full-Time ('000)	14,047.1	14,668.6	13,968.0	-621.5	79.1
Part-Time ('000)	3,183.1	2,723.3	2,997.2	459.8	185.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,045.9	1,210.7	980.1	-164.8	65.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	6.5	5.5	-0.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	6.1	6.1	5.9	0.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	69.0	67.4	-1.3	0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	542.1	549.4	522.1	-7.3	20.0
Employed ('000)	522.5	519.6	504.4	2.9	18.1
Full-Time ('000)	430.4	443.7	415.0	-13.3	15.4
Part-Time ('000)	92.1	75.9	89.4	16.2	2.7
Unemployed ('000)	19.6	29.8	17.7	-10.2	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.6	5.4	3.4	-1.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.1	4.5	3.9	-0.4	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	71.4	69.3	-1.1	1.0
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Labour Force ('000)	2,096.8	2,118.0	2,041.6	-21.2	55.2
Employed ('000)	2,020.2	2,032.5	1,974.0	-12.3	46.2
Full-Time ('000)	1,685.9	1,764.3	1,664.7	-78.4	21.2
Part-Time ('000)	334.3	268.2	309.3	66.1	25.0
Unemployed ('000)	76.6	85.5	67.6	-8.9	9.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	4.0	3.3	-0.3	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	3.8	3.5	3.6	0.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	74.7	75.5	74.0	-0.8	0.7
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Labour Force ('000)	634.0	643.0	623.5	-9.0	10.5
Employed ('000)	607.0	612.3	599.4	-5.3	7.6
Full-Time ('000)	490.4	514.5	492.2	-24.1	-1.8
Part-Time ('000)	116.7	97.8	107.2	18.9	9.5
Unemployed ('000)	27.0	30.7	24.1	-3.7	2.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.8	3.9	-0.5	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%) Seasonally Adjusted	4.6	3.9	4.2	0.7	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	70.6	69.2	-1.1	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2008	August 2008	September 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
LABOUR FORCE ('000)	542.1	549.4	522.1	-7.3	20.0
Male	291.3	294.3	282.2	-3.0	9.1
Female	250.7	255.2	240.0	-4.5	10.7
15-24 Years of Age	98.5	112.4	93.5	-13.9	5.0
25+ Years of age	443.6	437.0	428.6	6.6	15.0
EMPLOYED ('000)	522.5	519.6	504.4	2.9	18.1
Male	280.7	281.3	273.2	-0.6	7.5
Female	241.8	238.3	231.2	3.5	10.6
15-24 Years of Age	91.3	103.8	87.2	-12.5	4.1
25+ Years of age	431.2	415.8	417.2	15.4	14.0
UNEMPLOYED ('000)	19.6	29.8	17.7	-10.2	1.9
Male	10.7	13.0	9.0	-2.3	1.7
Female	8.9	16.9	8.7	-8.0	0.2
15-24 Years of Age	7.2	8.6	6.3	-1.4	0.9
25+ Years of age	12.4	21.3	11.4	-8.9	1.0
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)	3.6	5.4	3.4	-1.8	0.2
Male	3.7	4.4	3.2	-0.7	0.5
Female	3.6	6.6	3.6	-3.0	0.0
15-24 Years of Age	7.3	7.7	6.7	-0.4	0.6
25+ Years of age	2.8	4.9	2.7	-2.1	0.1
PARTICIPATION RATE (%)	70.3	71.4	69.3	-1.1	1.0
Male	76.7	77.6	75.9	-0.9	0.8
Female	64.2	65.5	62.9	-1.3	1.3
15-24 Years of Age	70.6	80.5	67.8	-9.9	2.8
25+ Years of age	70.3	69.4	69.6	0.9	0.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	September 2008	August 2008	September 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
INDUSTRY ('000)					
Agriculture	47.2	44.2	46.0	3.0	1.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	25.7	26.6	21.0	-0.9	4.7
Utilities	5.8	5.2	4.4	0.6	1.4
Construction	40.5	40.4	36.9	0.1	3.6
Manufacturing	33.0	32.0	30.5	1.0	2.5
Trade	82.4	83.2	80.0	-0.8	2.4
Transportation and Warehousing	21.7	22.1	24.8	-0.4	-3.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	27.4	30.1	27.7	-2.7	-0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.8	22.4	21.6	-0.6	0.2
Business, Building and Other Support Services	11.7	11.3	11.5	0.4	0.2
Educational Services	40.4	28.0	39.2	12.4	1.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	66.1	64.8	59.5	1.3	6.6
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.0	20.9	20.9	-2.9	-2.9
Accommodation and Food Services	30.1	33.2	31.3	-3.1	-1.2
Other Services	21.8	24.2	21.7	-2.4	0.1
Public Administration	29.0	31.1	27.6	-2.1	1.4
Total	522.5	519.6	504.4	2.9	18.1
HOURS OF WORK ('000)					
Full-Time	430.4	443.7	415.0	-13.3	15.4
Part-Time	92.1	75.9	89.4	16.2	2.7
CLASS OF WORKER ('000)					
Employees	424.6	423.9	413.2	0.7	11.4
Public Sector	129.5	121.6	122.4	7.9	7.1
Private Sector	295.1	302.3	290.8	-7.2	4.3
Self-Employed	97.9	95.7	91.2	2.2	6.7

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
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TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	September 2008	August 2008	September 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Canada	17,230.2	17,391.9	16,965.2	-161.7	265.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	224.1	233.4	224.4	-9.3	-0.3
Prince Edward Island	73.0	76.5	71.8	-3.5	1.2
Nova Scotia	458.4	463.3	448.1	-4.9	10.3
New Brunswick	372.8	381.9	369.5	-9.1	3.3
Quebec	3,917.5	3,938.1	3,897.5	-20.6	20.0
Ontario	6,718.9	6,787.2	6,603.6	-68.3	115.3
Manitoba	607.0	612.3	599.4	-5.3	7.6
Saskatchewan	522.5	519.6	504.4	2.9	18.1
Alberta	2,020.2	2,032.5	1,974.0	-12.3	46.2
British Columbia	2,315.9	2,347.0	2,272.4	-31.1	43.5
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
Canada	5.7	6.5	5.5	-0.8	0.2
Newfoundland & Labrador	11.4	12.6	11.4	-1.2	0.0
Prince Edward Island	9.0	7.7	7.9	1.3	1.1
Nova Scotia	7.2	7.9	7.3	-0.7	-0.1
New Brunswick	6.9	8.4	7.2	-1.5	-0.3
Quebec	6.6	7.5	6.4	-0.9	0.2
Ontario	6.1	7.0	5.9	-0.9	0.2
Manitoba	4.3	4.8	3.9	-0.5	0.4
Saskatchewan	3.6	5.4	3.4	-1.8	0.2
Alberta	3.7	4.0	3.3	-0.3	0.4
British Columbia	4.5	4.9	4.5	-0.4	0.0

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	Jul-Sep 2008	Jun-Aug 2008	Jul-Sep 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES					
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
		7.8	6.4	0.1	1.5
St. John's	7.9	5.8	6.2	-0.1	-0.5
Halifax	5.7	7.1	5.5	-0.5	1.1
Saint John	6.6	4.1	4.4	-0.2	-0.5
Quebec	3.9	7.3	7.1	0.1	0.3
Montreal	7.4	5.4	5.7	0.0	-0.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.4	5.6	6.4	0.0	-0.8
Greater Sudbury	5.6	7.7	7.5	-0.2	0.0
Toronto	7.5	4.4	4.6	0.4	0.2
Winnipeg	4.8	4.2	6.2	-0.1	-2.1
Regina	4.1	4.6	4.2	0.1	0.5
Saskatoon	4.7	3.6	3.2	0.3	0.7
Calgary	3.9	3.6	4.2	0.1	-0.5
Edmonton	3.7	4.5	4.2	0.1	0.4
Vancouver	4.6	3.7	4.3	0.0	-0.6
Victoria	3.7				
SASKATCHEWAN ECONOMIC REGIONS					
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
		155.6	147.5	0.8	8.9
Regina-Moose Mountain	156.4	54.1	54.4	0.4	0.1
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	54.5	171.3	167.6	-1.5	2.2
Saskatoon-Biggar	169.8	39.5	42.4	1.0	-1.9
Yorkton-Melville	40.5	98.0	93.9	-0.2	3.9
Prince Albert & Northern	97.8				

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

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TABLE 6

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jul-Sep 2008	Jun-Aug 2008	Jul-Sep 2007	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	542.7	541.7	529.5	1.0	13.2
Employed ('000)	517.1	516.4	505.0	0.7	12.1
Unemployed ('000)	25.6	25.3	24.5	0.3	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	4.7	4.6	0.0	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.5	70.4	0.0	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	67.2	67.2	67.1	0.0	0.1
NON-ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	502.0	501.8	491.2	0.2	10.8
Employed ('000)	481.5	482.2	471.9	-0.7	9.6
Unemployed ('000)	20.4	19.7	19.4	0.7	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	3.9	3.9	0.2	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	70.9	71.0	71.0	-0.1	-0.1
Employment Rate (%)	68.0	68.2	68.2	-0.2	-0.2
ABORIGINAL					
Labour Force ('000)	40.7	39.9	38.3	0.8	2.4
Employed ('000)	35.6	34.3	33.1	1.3	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	5.1	5.6	5.2	-0.5	-0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.6	14.1	13.5	-1.5	-0.9
Participation Rate (%)	66.3	65.1	63.8	1.2	2.5
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	55.9	55.2	2.0	2.7
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	17.2	17.3	16.1	-0.1	1.1
Employed ('000)	14.1	13.9	13.3	0.2	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	3.4	2.8	-0.2	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.3	19.4	17.2	-1.1	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	62.2	62.4	59.1	-0.2	3.1
Employment Rate (%)	50.8	50.3	49.0	0.5	1.8
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Labour Force ('000)	23.3	22.5	22.1	0.8	1.2
Employed ('000)	21.4	20.2	19.7	1.2	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	2.0	2.3	2.4	-0.3	-0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	10.1	10.9	-1.6	-2.4
Participation Rate (%)	69.6	67.3	67.6	2.3	2.0
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	60.5	60.3	3.2	3.4

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpretting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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